

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments as detailed above in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented with the amendments detailed above. Specifically, the present Amendment cancels claims 1-7 and 23, and amends claims 8, 10-11, 17, 24, 32, 35 and 36. All remaining claims remain the unchanged. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims, as originally filed.

Specifically, claim 8 is re-written in dependent form, and thus incorporates definitions for variables R^1 , R^2 and R^4 . Support for this amendment can be found *inter alia* in original claim 1. Claims 10-11, 17, 24, 32, 35 and 36 have been amended to correct dependency, in view of the cancellation of claims 3 and 5.

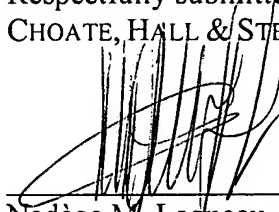
No new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicant respectfully submits that the deletion of any claims and any other loss of claimed subject matter is being made solely to expedite prosecution of one aspect of the invention and is not meant to impact Applicant's right to pursue the canceled claims or subject matter. Applicant is submitting their amendments without prejudice to the subsequent prosecution of claims to some or all of the subject matter which might be lost by virtue of this paper. Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of any of the canceled claims, or some or all of the subject matter which might be lost by virtue of this paper, in Divisional or Continuation Applications.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time and consideration. If a telephone conversation would help clarify any issues, or help expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5150.

It is not believed that a fee for net addition of claims is required. However, should Applicant be mistaken, please charge any required fees to our Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,
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